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Tucker L. Melançon

District Judge

Date of Birth: 1946
Education: LSU 1968 BS; Tulane 1973 JD
Began Service: 1994
Appointed By: President William J. Clinton

Academic: Member of Board of Directors and Secretary-Treasurer, Laco Premium Plan Incorporated (1985); Member, Board of Directors and Secretary-Treasurer, Southeast Central Louisiana Premium Finance Company (1987); Member, Advisory Board, Catalyst Old River Hydroelectric Partnership (1989-1992)

Corporate: Member, Board of Directors, Catalyst Vidalia Corporation (1992-1994)

Legal Practice: Knoll & Knoll (1973-1975); Sole Practitioner (1975-1983); Partner, Melançon & Rabalais (1984)

Current Memberships: American Inns of Court; American Judicature Society; Federal Bar Association; Louisiana Bar Association

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Robert Gillespie James

District Judge

Date of Birth: 1946
Education: Louisiana Tech 1968 BA; LSU 1971 JD
Began Service: October 31, 1998
Appointed By: President William J. Clinton
Political Affiliation: Democrat

Judicial: Judge (part time), Ruston City Court (1985-1998); Judge Pro Tempore, Supreme Court of Louisiana, Lincoln and Union Parishes (1993-1997)

Legal Practice: Associate, Barham, Wright, Barham & Dawkins (1971-1972); Partner, Barham, Wright, Barham & Dawkins (and successor firms) (1972-1985)

Current Memberships: American Bar Association; American Judges Association; Boy Scouts of America, Board of Directors Ouachita Valley; Louisiana Bar Association; Louisiana Bar Foundation, Fellow; Louisiana Parish Bar Association; Louisiana Tech University Foundation; Nature Conservancy, Member

Staff

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Dee D. Drell

District Judge

Date of Birth: November 4, 1947
Education: Tulane 1968 BA, 1971 JD
Began Service: May 9, 2003
Appointed By: President George W. Bush

Legal Practice: Attorney, Gravel, Roy and Burnes (1975-1981); Member, Gold, Weems, Bruser, Sues & Rundell (1981-2003)

Military Service: Judge Advocate General, United States Army (1971-1975)

Current Memberships: American Bar Association; Alexandria Bar Association; American Judicature Society; Louisiana Bar Association; Crossroads-American Inns of Court

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S. Maurice Hicks, Jr.

District Judge

Date of Birth: December 5, 1952
Education: Texas Christian 1974 BA; LSU 1977 JD
Began Service: June 12, 2003
Appointed By: President George W. Bush
Political Affiliation: Republican

Current Memberships: Louisiana Bar Association; Shreveport Bar Association

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Patricia Head Minaldi

District Judge

Date of Birth: September 12, 1958
Education: Wesleyan U 1980 BA; Tulane 1983 JD
Began Service: June 16, 2003
Appointed By: President George W. Bush
Political Affiliation: Republican

Current Memberships: Louisiana Bar Association; Southwest Louisiana Bar Association

Chambers of District Judge Patricia Head Minaldi continued**Staff**

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Tom Stagg

Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1923
Education: LSU 1943 BA, 1949 JD
Began Service: 1974
Appointed By: President Richard M. Nixon

Legal Practice: Hargrove, Guyton, Van Hook & Hargrove (1949-1954); Senior Partner, Stagg, Cady & Beard (1958-1974)

Military Service: United States Army (1943-1946)

Current Memberships: American Bar Association; Louisiana Bar Association; Shreveport Bar Association

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F. A. Little, Jr.

Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1936
Education: Tulane 1958 BA, 1961 JD
Began Service: December 4, 1984
Appointed By: President Ronald Reagan
Political Affiliation: Republican

Judicial: Chief Judge, United States District Court for the Western District of Louisiana (1997-2002)

Legal Practice: Chaffe, McCall, Phillips, Toler & Sarpy (1961-1965); Associate, Gold, Little, Simon, Weems & Bruser, Ltd. (1965-1969); President, Gold, Little, Simon, Weems & Bruser, Ltd. (1969-1984)

Current Memberships: Alexandria Bar Association; American Bar Foundation; American College of Trust and Estate Counsel; Judicial Conference Committee on Financial Disclosure; Louisiana Bar Association; Louisiana Bar Foundation; Louisiana State Law Institute

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Donald E. Walter

Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1936
Education: LSU 1961 BA, 1964 JD
Began Service: July 15, 1985
Appointed By: President George W. Bush

Academic: Adjunct Professor, Centenary College

Government: United States Attorney, Western District of Louisiana, Department of Justice (1969-1977)

Legal Practice: Cavanaugh, Brame, Holt & Woodley (1964-1966); Holt & Woodley (1966-1969); Hargrove, Guyton, Ramey & Barlow (1978-1985)

Military Service: United States Army (1957-1958)

Staff

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James T. Trimble, Jr.

Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1932
Education: LSU 1955 BA, 1956 JD
Began Service: September 12, 1991
Appointed By: President George H.W. Bush
Political Affiliation: Republican

Judicial: Magistrate Judge, United States District Court for the Western District of Louisiana (1986-1991); District Judge, United States District Court for the Western District of Louisiana (1991-2002)

Legal Practice: Gist, Murchison, & Gist (1959-1978); Trimble, Percy, Smith, Wilson, Foote, Walker & Honeycutt (1979-1986)

Military Service: United States Air Force (1956-1959)

Current Memberships: Federal Judges Association; Louisiana Bar Association; Louisiana Bar Foundation; Southwest Louisiana Bar Association

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